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# Invariant polynomial functions on the Poisson algebra in characteristic $p$

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Classical results of Chevalley and Harish-Chandra describe the ring of invariant polynomial functions  $k[\mathfrak{g}]^G$  on a complex semisimple Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  and the center  $Z$  of the universal enveloping algebra  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ . If now  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a finite-dimensional Lie algebra over an algebraically closed field  $k$  of characteristic  $p > 0$  then both  $k[\mathfrak{g}]^G$  and  $Z$  are essentially bigger than in the complex case. Indeed,  $k[\mathfrak{g}]^G$  always contains the subalgebra  $k[\mathfrak{g}]^{(p)}$  consisting of the powers  $\varphi^p$  of all functions  $\varphi \in k[\mathfrak{g}]$  and, similarly,  $Z$  contains the so-called  $p$ -center  $Z_p$  over which  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  is a finite module (see [25]). However, if  $\mathfrak{g}$  is the Lie algebra of a semisimple algebraic group  $G$  then, under some restrictions on  $p$ , there are precise analogs of classical results for the subrings of  $G$ -invariants  $k[\mathfrak{g}]^G$  and  $Z^G$ , as was shown by Veldkamp [21], and Kac and Weisfeiler [5]. Furthermore,  $k[\mathfrak{g}]^G = k[\mathfrak{g}]^{(p)} \cdot k[\mathfrak{g}]^G$  and  $Z = Z_p \cdot Z^G$  (see also [3]).

There is another big class of simple finite-dimensional Lie algebras over  $k$  called the Lie algebras of Cartan type, for which the situation with the invariants is very little understood until now. A significant progress was earlier achieved only in one case by Premet [15] who completely described the ring of invariants  $k[\mathfrak{g}]^G$  where  $\mathfrak{g} = W_n$  is the Jacobson–Witt algebra and  $G$  its automorphism group. Premet established analogs of many classical results, although  $G$  has a big unipotent radical and the Lie algebra of  $G$  is a proper subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . One no longer has an invariant bilinear form on  $\mathfrak{g}$ , and so one cannot pass to invariants in

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